over the dispute regarding Siachen Glacier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has seen press reports quoting President Zia as saying that Siachen was 'no-man's land' did not form part of Pakstan and that it was situated within disputed boundaries.

(b) There have been two rounds of talks on this issue between the Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan. No dates have yet been fixed for the next round.

Proposal to amend Labour Laws

20. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the various labour laws including the Provident Fund Act and the Factories Act, 1948; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Labour Laws are amended from time to time as and when the need arises. Amendments are being contemplated to some other Labour Acts including Provident Fund Act and Factories Act, 1948 to make them meet current requirements. The exercise is a continuous one.

Bank loans to unemployed

21. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unemployed persons to whom loans have been given by the banks State-wise during the years 1984-85; 1985-86 and so far during the current financial year;

(b) what is the total amount of loans given during the above period;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against bank employees in this matter; and

(d) what are the details of action taken against guilty employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As per the data received from the Office if Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, the information relating to the State-wise number of applications and loans sanctioned during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given in the attached statement. (*See below*). As for the year 1986-87 the instructions have been issued to State Governments only on 21-8-1986.

(c) and (d) In a scheme which is being implemented on a large scale throughout the country, there may always be a few complaints regarding delay|non-sanctioning of loans and availment of loans. However, such complaints whenever received are got looked into with a view to taking suitable remedial action.

Statement

State-wise data on number of applications and amount sanctioned for the years 1984-85 & 1985-86 *under self-employment scheme*

(Amount Rs.in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States/Union Territories	1984-85		1985-86	
		Number Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	Number Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	13084	2733·92	16518	3474·22
2	Assam	7642	1629·91	4629	1026·5